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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR MNUC NZ

SUBJ: NUCLEAR POWERED WARSHIP (NPW) ACCESS TO FOREIGN PORTS

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1. MFA HAS ADVISED THAT INFORMATION REGARDING NPW VISITS SOUGHT BY NEW ZEALAND EMBASSY WAS FOR POSSIBLE USE BY MFA DURING SEPT 17 HEARING BEFORE PARLIAMENT'S PETITIONS COMMITTEE OF PETITION FILED BY CAMPAIGN FOR NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT (CND). INFORMATION WOULD HAVE SUPPLEMENTED MATERIAL CONTAINED IN OCT 16, 1974 REPORT ON NPW VISIT LIABILITY BY JOINT COMMITTEE ON ATOMIC ENERGY, COPY OF WHICH EMBASSY HAD FURNISHED MFA LAST MARCH (PURSUANT DEPT'S A-292).

2. CND'S PETITION ASKS GNZ TO MAINTAIN BAN ON NPW VISITS, URGES CONTINUED ACTION ON SOUTH PACIFIC NUCLEAR FREE ZONE AND SEEKS GNZ ASSURANCE THAT NO AIRCRAFT OR SHIP WHICH NORMALLY CARRIES NUCLEAR ARMAMENT OR COULD BE USED TO CARRY SUCH WEAPONRY WILL BE ALLOWED TO VISIT NEW ZEALAND OR USE NEW ZEALAND FACILITIES.

3. MFA OFFICIAL NOTED STATEMENT IN EMBASSY'S CONFIDENTIAL AID MEMOIRE OF LAST MARCH THAT US NPW'S HAD VISITED OVER CONFIDENTIAL

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30 COUNTRIES AND 85 FOREIGN PORTS. HE SAID THIS HAD

PROMPTED INSTRUCTION TO NZ EMBASSY TO SEEK AMPLIFYING INFORMATION FROM DEPT WHICH MFA COULD USE IN PARLIAMENTARY HEARING.

4. COMMENT: FACT THAT HEARING ON CND'S PETITION HAS NOW TAKEN PLACE SHOULD NOT DETER DEPT FROM PROVIDING GNZ WITH AS MUCH RELEASABLE INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE REGARDING ACCESS OF US NPW'S TO FOREIGN PORTS. THERE IS ORGANIZED, VEHEMENT AND VOCIFEROUS OPPOSITION TO NPW VISITS IN NZ WHICH IS NOT GOING TO ABATE. THUS MFA, WHICH EMBASSY CONSIDERS SYMPATHETIC TO OUR INTERESTS IN THIS MATTER, WILL NEED ALL THE EVIDENCE WE ARE ABLE TO PROVIDE TO JUSTIFY THE FAVORABLE DECISION ON NPW VISITS WHICH WE HOPE GNZ WILL REACH AFTER NOVEMBER ELECTIONS.
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